

a.) Remarks

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions (Groups I-XIV) noted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Initially, Applicants respectfully submit the “inventions” listed in Groups I-VI relate to a single general inventive concept sharing a common technical feature in that each of SEQ ID NO: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 improves productivity of amino acid by amplifying NADH dehydrogenase gene. Accordingly, rejoinder of these sequences within one Group is respectfully requested. Similarly, rejoinder of these sequences within one Group drawn to a microorganisms and plasmid expressing these sequences is respectfully requested as well.

Nonetheless, in response to the Examiner’s request, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-15.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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